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Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2008 will be "Building capabilities and capacities at all levels for timely humanitarian assistance, including disaster risk reduction" and that it will convene two panels, the topics of which will be "Disaster risk reduction and preparedness: addressing the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters, including the impact of climate change" and "Humanitarian challenges related to global food aid, including enhancing international efforts and cooperation in this field".

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